

RESOLUTION 94-215
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE
AN UPGRADE TO THE ITRON HANDHELD METER READING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City's Light and Power Department has recommended that the City upgrade its handheld meter reading system so as to allow for such meters to be remotely read; and

WHEREAS, Itron, Inc. is the only manufacturer offering the capability to remotely read meters without the costs of establishing a network communications system or requiring the purchase of all meters from a single manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the upgrade option from Itron saves \$21,560 over purchasing a new system from Itron; and

WHEREAS, the Itron upgrade is compatible with existing equipment and requires no additional training costs; and

WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted and approved in the Light & Power Department budget for 1994 for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-160(d)(1)(b) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins authorizes the Purchasing Agent to negotiate the Purchase of supplies and services without utilizing a competitive bidding process where the Purchasing Agent determines that a competitive process cannot reasonably be used or, if used, will result in a substantially higher cost to the city, will otherwise injure the city's financial interests or will substantially impede the city's administrative functions or the delivery of services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined that the use of a competitive process for this acquisition will result in substantially higher costs to the City and would substantially impede the City's delivery of services to the public, and has submitted this determination to the Interim City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed and approved the justifications for this acquisition; and

WHEREAS, section 8-160(d)(3) of the Code requires approval of this purchasing method by the City Council for items costing more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) prior to acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to purchase the supplies, material, equipment and labor needed to upgrade the Itron Handheld Meter Reading System, including the ability to remotely read meters, from Mountain States Pipe and Supply Co., at a cost not to exceed Sixty Six Thousand Eight Five Dollars (\$66,085).

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 20th day of December, A.D. 1994.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk